

Attorney Docket No. P130-US

REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are pending. Claims 1-6, 9-16, and 18-65 were indicated as allowable in the Office Action dated October 12, 2005.

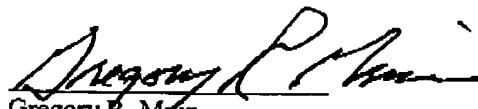
With this amendment, claims 50-85 are renumbered to 49-84. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 13-15, 17-20, 23, 26, 27, 29, 32-34, 38-40, 43, and 46 are amended to remove informalities and /or typographical errors therein. No new matter is introduced.

In the Office Action, the examiner rejected dependent claims 7 and 8 under the second paragraph of section 112, as "x" in $TiAl_x$ and $SiNi_x$ is not defined. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is clear that each of claims 7 and 8 introduces an additional feature (i.e. a chemical material of $TiAl_x$ or $SiNi_x$) to a feature (i.e. the deformable element) recited in the base claim (i.e. claim 1). None of claims 7 and 8 is related to a method of making either of chemical materials, *per se*. Moreover, the format of $TiAl_x$ and $SiNi_x$ complies with the standard nomenclature in the related art. Without specific values or ranges of "x", one of ordinary skill in the art will understand that each of expressions of $TiAl_x$ and $SiNi_x$ represents a class of chemical materials. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, claims 7-8 are canceled in the present amendment in favor of prosecution of the remaining pending claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501516.

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